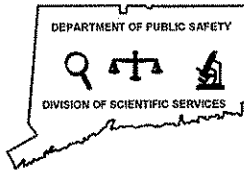




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HB 5199 AAC CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK OF YOUTH CAMP EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

The Department of Public Safety advises of large fiscal impact.

This bill would require that each prospective employee and volunteer of a youth camp licensed by the Department of Public Health submit to a national criminal history records check. It is proposed that the costs for performing the records check be shared equally by the prospective employee or volunteer and the camp.

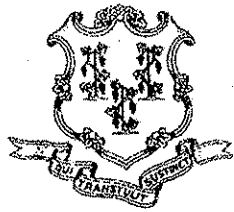
The main issue for the Department of Public Safety is the estimated 15,000 of these checks that will need to be conducted. The Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) processed 71,569 applicant fingerprints for the year ending January 31, 2008. This proposal seeks to add approximately 15,000 or a 20 percent increase in the workload for the system and for the employees in the State Police Bureau of Identification.

The AFIS would need an additional Programmable Matching Accelerator to handle the increase in workload, as the two current ones are running at nearly full capacity. The cost for this is \$750,000 for the equipment and installation; there would also need to be funds added to the maintenance budget, approximately \$75,000 each year.

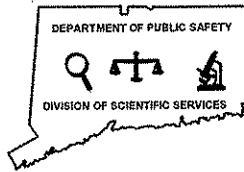
There would also need to be increases in both fingerprint Identification technicians and processing technicians within the Bureau to handle this increase in the workload. Without additional personnel, the additional workload would lead to an approximate 12 week backlog for all applicant fingerprints.

Sincerely,

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HB 5146 AAC CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS OF CAMP EMPLOYEES WHO TRANSPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

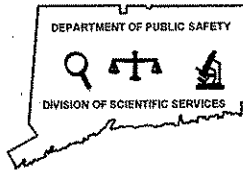
The Department of Public Safety has no objection to Raised Bill 5146, which would require Connecticut Criminal History checks for camp employees who transport children with special health care needs. Such a name and date of birth check will have no significant impact upon the duties of the State Police Bureau of Identification.

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**HB 6235 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION FOR
EMERGENCY PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN**

The Department of Public Safety supports this bill.

The Department of Public Safety supports raised bill number 6235, concerning performing a national name and date of birth check for Department of Children and Family personnel for the emergency placement of a child. However, it should be noted that it is a mandatory requirement of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that a full fingerprint based Federal criminal history be conducted subsequent to the name based check. Such fingerprint based check must be done in a reasonable time period following the name based check.

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